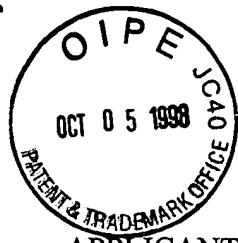


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the final Office Action dated March 30, 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: 

Please amend the following claims .



1. (amended) In a method for forming multiple copies of a target sequence of a target polynucleotide, said method comprising the step of forming extension products of an oligonucleotide primer at least along said target sequence or along an extended oligonucleotide